GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:47
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SPECIAL STATUS TO SAURASHTRA REGION IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to give `Special Status` to Saurashtra Region in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, the time by which the `Special Status` will be given to this region; and

(d) the criteria adopted for giving `Special Status` to any region?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) & (c): Does not arise.

(d): Special Category Status is given to those states which are having a strategic location on the border with neighbouring countries, hilly terrain, inadequate economic and social infrastructure, predominantly large tribal population, limited and weak resource base compared to development needs.